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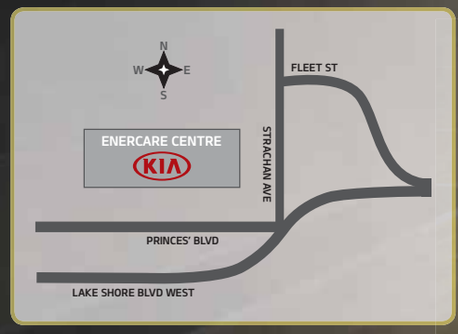

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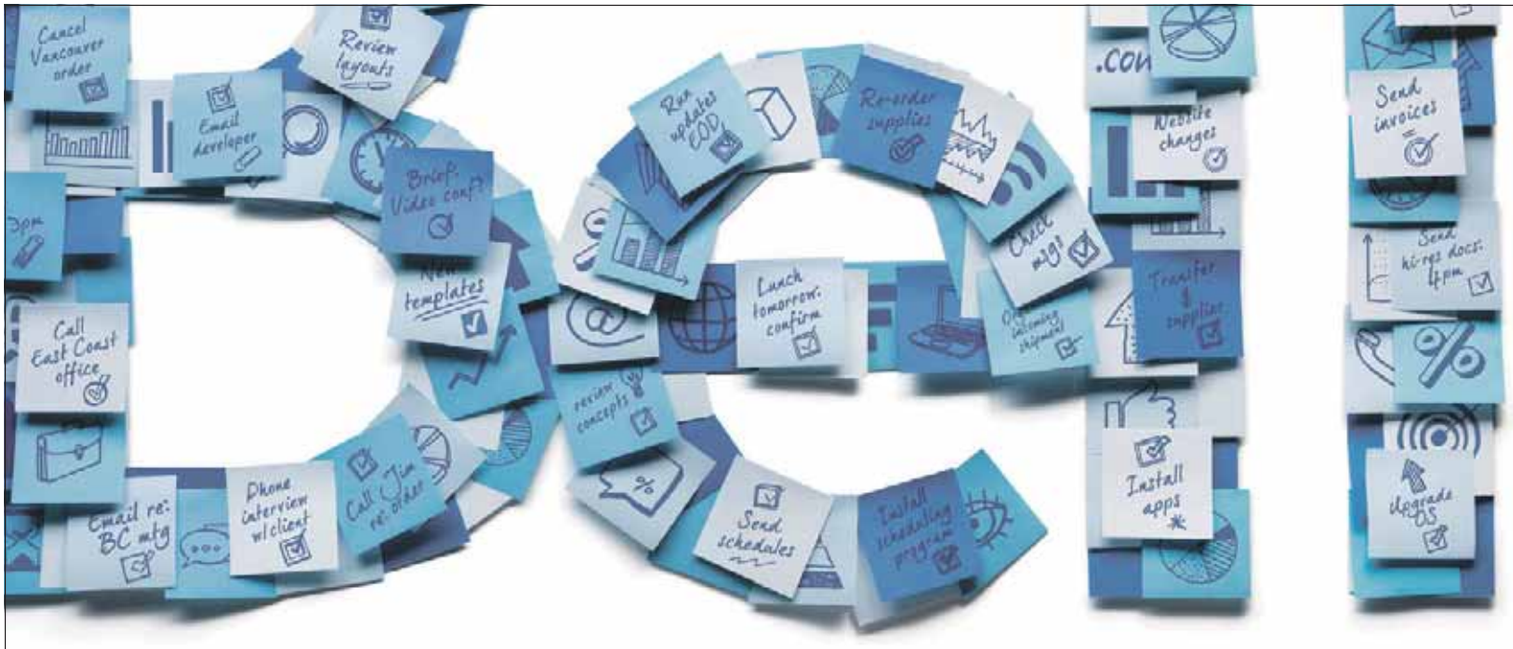

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Founder and chairman of Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation Dr. Joseph Wong, left, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and former Mississauga Mayor Hazel McCallion take part in a ceremony in celebration of the Chinese New Year in Toronto. MICHELLE SIU/THE CANADIAN PRESS

LOOKING LUNAR

Trudeau helps kick off The Year of the Monkey on the Chinese calendar. Here's how you can celebrate

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Divided we stall

INFRASTRUCTURE

T.O. must unite on priorities for federal funds — and soon

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

If Toronto wants billions from the feds, it's time to work together, local politicians say.

The city is due a slice of $60 billion in federal infrastructure money, but the city's oft-divided council will need to first decide what to spend it on.

"The clearer council is on Toronto's priorities, the more likely we will be to receive funds for them," said Coun. Josh Matlow. "For far too long there have been bickering and divisive debates on what priorities Toronto has."

When it comes to the promised federal cash, Toronto councillors are pushing to use it for everything from the downtown relief line to pet projects and potholes. That could spell trouble for Mayor John Tory, who will need to corral a consensus from council before making a final pitch to the government.

Tory attended the Big City Mayors conference in the nation's capital over the weekend — and came away urging the Liberals to get moving on their infrastructure plan, saying cities don't have years to argue over the details of how and where the money will be spent. "Canadians, Torontonians, want to see stuff done now so that people can go back to work," he said.

If Toronto doesn't provide Ottawa with a clear list of possible projects — and soon — then it risks losing federal funding to cities that better articulated their needs, Matlow said.

Coun. Jim Kargyiannis, on the other hand, said any infrastructure wish-list must address gridlock and traffic.

"We certainly need to upgrade our roads, they're in bad shape. Sewers roads and all that stuff," he said. "I also think we need to look at getting money for subways — and my pet project is the Sheppard subway."

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SECOND LOOK

In order to take full advantage of the Liberals' infrastructure stimulus, Toronto council needs to prove to the federal government that it can spend wisely, said Coun. Mike Layton.

That could include taking a second look at some projects Layton argues are less cost-effective, including the Gardiner hybrid plan and the Scarborough Subway.

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Millions tied to men-only campus

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All-female site in Saudi Arabia still on radar: Official

Emma Jackson
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A school that caused controversy across Ontario by setting up a men-only campus in Saudi Arabia could be on the hook for millions if it decides to pull out of the country.

Algonquin College's international vice-president, Doug Wotherspoon, said Algonquin still owes about $5 million on a $7.3-million performance bond they secured to set up a men-only campus in Jazan, Saudi Arabia in 2013.

The bond is collateral for an equipment loan staff used to buy furniture, lab equipment and other start-up necessities, and the school is paying it down little by little each year.

The campus isn't the money-maker it was supposed to be — it lost $1.4 million last school year — and critics have questioned the partnership, given Saudi Arabia's abysmal human rights record towards women and political dissidents.

Wotherspoon confirmed the college would lose more money if it caved to pressure.

"There would be a cost of cancelling a contract or reneging on a contract," he said.

However, "we don't have any intention of doing that," he said. Wotherspoon said Algonquin expects to make $4.4 million by the close of its five-year contract in 2018 — a far cry from original projections of $25 million a year, which was supposed to make up for funding shortfalls from the provincial government.

Algonquin's Saudi Arabia campus opened in September 2013 hoping to welcome about 2,350 students a year by 2015.

But staff quickly discovered their enrollment estimates were off and that many students weren't prepared for the English course work.

Many dropped out, which has been problematic given the school's profits are tied up in performance indicators like pass rates and employment six and 18 months after graduation.

The school has posted losses for the first two years, Wotherspoon said. He said an all-female campus is "still on our radar" and will be discussed at a board of governors meeting on Monday.

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne said it was unacceptable that schools were running men-only colleges in Saudi Arabia.

Centennial College has said it will end an apprenticeship program in the country this April.

A crowd of Toronto women got free boxing lessons Saturday — thanks, in way, to Roosh V. The controversial blogger cancelled plans to host meet-ups of his followers in cities around the world after people like Toronto boxer Savoy Howe decided to take a stand against him.

After word of their counter-punch protest gained global media attention, Howe and her fellow pugilists decided to host a rally in front of City Hall Saturday night. A crowd of about 60, mostly women, gathered in boxing gear to teach anyone who wanted to learn how to throw a punch. Howe told the crowd that images can change the way people see the world.

PHOTOS BY LIZ BEDDALL

GENDER ISSUES

Roosh V targets media after event backlash

Jessica Smith Cross
Metro | Toronto

A "neomasculinity" blogger whose attempt to host meet-ups in numerous cities last week sparked a global backlash, has asked his followers to collect personal information about journalists — including at least two in Toronto — who covered the failed event.

Roosh V, whose real name is Daryush Valizadeh, has called on members of his Return of Kings forum to collect "intel" on "lying" reporters, including their photos and social media accounts.

He urged them not to publish reporters' home addresses, but instead "save them for possible future use."

On Sunday, photos and information about reporters from Metro Toronto and the Toronto Sun were visible on Valizadeh's website.

In a post on the site, Valizadeh blamed reporters for angering the public and making the world believe he's "pro rape," an accusation he denied at a press conference Saturday.

He claimed an article he wrote advocating that rape be made legal was actually a "satirical thought experiment," but had been purposefully misinterpreted by the press.

Addressing claims he's a rapist, Valizadeh said just because he's written about having sex with women who were too incapacitated to consent doesn't mean he actually did it.

"Macho sex writing is not a court," he explained. "Maybe I wanted to come across as an aggressive guy."

Full disclosure: This reporter's photo and information was included on the Return of Kings forum.

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All-Star guests come with XL requirements

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Toronto's Thompson Hotel is taking hospitality to new heights as it prepares to host some of the biggest names — and biggest bodies — in the NBA.

The hotel at Wellington and Bathurst is the official lodging of the NBA All-Star Weekend, underway in Toronto on Friday.

From robes and slippers to food and drinks, the hotel had to make special orders to accommodate players such as LeBron James and Kevin Durant.

"I mean, look at it," said the hotel's director of marketing, Frank Campo, holding one of the dozens of XXXXXL bathrobes they've ordered. "It looks like an area rug."

"We are actually fortunate because our hotel already has high ceilings and door entrances," he added.

The NBA booked out every room, suite and meeting space at the hotel from Thursday to Sunday and has beefed up security.

The league's executives requested a complete revamp of the hotel's lobby bar, adding a 60-square-foot media wall where nine TV sets will play NBA programming all weekend.

Hosting star athletes also means feeding them enough. The Thompson diner will run full-blown buffets, with a special stock of St. Lawrence Market sandwiches featuring Canadian peameal bacon.

"It's apparently something they don't have down in the U.S., and they can't have enough of it," Campo said.

There will also be plenty of Louis XIII, a highly sought-after cognac that sells for $6,500 per bottle.

"It will be all hands on deck. Nobody here will have a day off."

Regular slippers by a special-order pair. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

Thompson Hotel concierge Stella Alarcon hoists up an XXXXXL bathrobe, available to players staying at the hotel during NBA All-Star Weekend. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

ECONOMY

Weak loonie equals strong T.O. tourism

Canadian sun seekers might be grumbling about high prices for a getaway, but Toronto's tourism industry is the big winner of the falling loonie.

Tourism Toronto says the city set another record last year, with 14.03 million visitors who stayed at least one night. That doesn't count 26 million day visitors, who might have flown in for a business meeting or to catch a Jays game.

The visitors spent an estimated $7.2 billion last year, up from $6.6 billion in 2014.

"What we are seeing is the recognition of Toronto as a major entertainment centre — Canada's downtown," said Andrew Weir, executive vice-president of Tourism Toronto, noting visitor numbers have been rising for six years in a row.

"What added to the growth was the U.S. drive market rediscovering Toronto," he said. "This was a major bounce-back year."

"For Americans, it still has the allure and appeal of being another country. You get a stamp in your passport. You have to change your money," he said.

Lower fuel prices have likely helped encourage travel, given people might have more disposable income.

Big draws have included pro sports teams and last summer's Pan Am Games. Next weekend, Toronto will play host to the NBA's All-Star Game, the Grey Cup and also hosts the World Cup of Hockey and world junior hockey tournament later this year.

Travellers from the U.S. make up the largest block of international visitors, totaling 2.48 million. Of those, about two-thirds flew to Toronto, while one-third drove, mostly from border states.

When new passport requirements were introduced in 2009 at land crossings, along with a rising Canadian dollar (at par just three years ago), travel from border cities quickly dropped off. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

The Blue Jays were a big draw last year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Pastor vows to fight sex-assault charges

CRIME

Congregation rallies behind gay-rights champion

Rev. Brent Hawkes, a prominent Toronto pastor and gay-rights activist, addressed his congregation for the first time Sunday morning since sex-assault charges were laid against him last week, declaring his innocence and vowing to fight the allegations.

"This has been a very difficult time for John and me, as you can imagine," Hawkes said, referring to his husband John Sproule, at the beginning of the service at the Metropolitan Community Church of Toronto. "But I want to be clear: I am innocent of these allegations."

The RCMP announced Monday that Hawkes has been charged with indecent assault and gross indecency related to allegations of a sexual assault dating back to the 1970s in Nova Scotia.

Rev. Brent Hawkes sings during his Sunday prayers.
RENE JOHNSTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"For 38 years, I have fought with all that I have for equality for our community. I have fought to give voice to those who have no voice," Hawkes continued. "Now, I will fight these allegations with all that I have."

Anne Brayley, chairwoman of the church's board, declared support for Hawkes.

"I know Brent to be a man of highest integrity and honour," she said, later adding, "However, in no way should this diminish the feelings of those who have mixed emotions."

About 150 people attended the morning's first service at 9 a.m. but that number had nearly doubled by the second at 11 a.m., with prominent community members such as former NDP MP Olivia Chow and former Toronto police chief and now Liberal MP Bill Blair attending.

> **Hawkes has always been a tremendous supporter of Toronto Police Service and of me.**
> Bill Blair

"Rev. Brent Hawkes has always been a tremendous supporter of Toronto Police Service and of me, for which I am grateful," Blair said. Of the allegations, he said: "I am not reacting to that."

Joe Varnell and Kevin Bourassa, one of the two first same-sex couples to be legally married in Ontario and who were officiated by Hawkes, were also there.

"Brent was just so personally supportive of us during those days, and we think it's important that we all remember those times and all that he has done. Now, it's our chance," Varnell said.
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

LAW ENFORCEMENT

SIU called after arrest puts man in hospital

Ontario's police watchdog is investigating an incident in Toronto that ended with a 27-year-old man being sent to hospital.

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) said that on Saturday evening, Toronto police investigated an assault at a rooming house.

They said the victim of the assault was a 58-year-old man, who was taken to hospital.

At about 1 a.m. Sunday, Emergency Task Force officers entered a room in the house. The SIU said two "conducted energy weapons" were used, and a 27-year-old man was arrested and taken to hospital with a leg injury.

The SIU is automatically called in to investigate reports involving police in which someone is seriously injured or killed.
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Medical call turns into homicide investigation
A medical call in the city's east end is being treated as a homicide. According to police, the caller at a home on Wakunda Place said Sunday morning his friend was unresponsive. Police have taken one person into custody. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

One dead, one injured in fight behind restaurant
An altercation between two groups behind a Dave and Buster's in Vaughan led to two men being stabbed, police said. Emergency crews were called to 120 Interchange Way early Sunday. A 22-year-old from Richmond Hill was pronounced dead. A 22-year-old from Aurora was wounded but is expected to survive. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Humans of Toronto by K. Omar

"After school, I got married, and six months later I went on a two-week trip to travel and explore Ethiopia with my wife and a friend. I was supposed to be back in Toronto on a Monday, but on the Friday before we were in a car accident. We rolled over many times. My friend died. My wife was in a coma for three weeks. I didn't care about anything until the day I heard the news that she was going to make it. Then I asked about my legs. I have hope and faith that things will be all right, but, more than anything, what motivates me is being here in Canada. I live in the best country.

Humans of Toronto is K. Omar's social photography project aimed at photographing and talking to people in the city. Selections from her work feature weekly in Metro. See more at Humans_of_Toronto on Instagram.

HOMICIDE

Victims succumb in pair of shootings

Peel police have confirmed two victims of separate, overnight shootings have died.

Officers were called to Airport and Derry roads in Mississauga around 1 a.m. Sunday where they found outside Habibi Lounge a man suffering from bullet wounds.

The victim, a 17-year-old boy from Toronto, was rushed to hospital in life-threatening condition and later succumbed to his injuries.

At 4:30 a.m., police found a man shot and seriously injured in the parking lot of Masta's Lounge near Orenda and Dixie roads in Brampton.

The man was later pronounced dead in hospital.

Homicide detectives are investigating both incidents.
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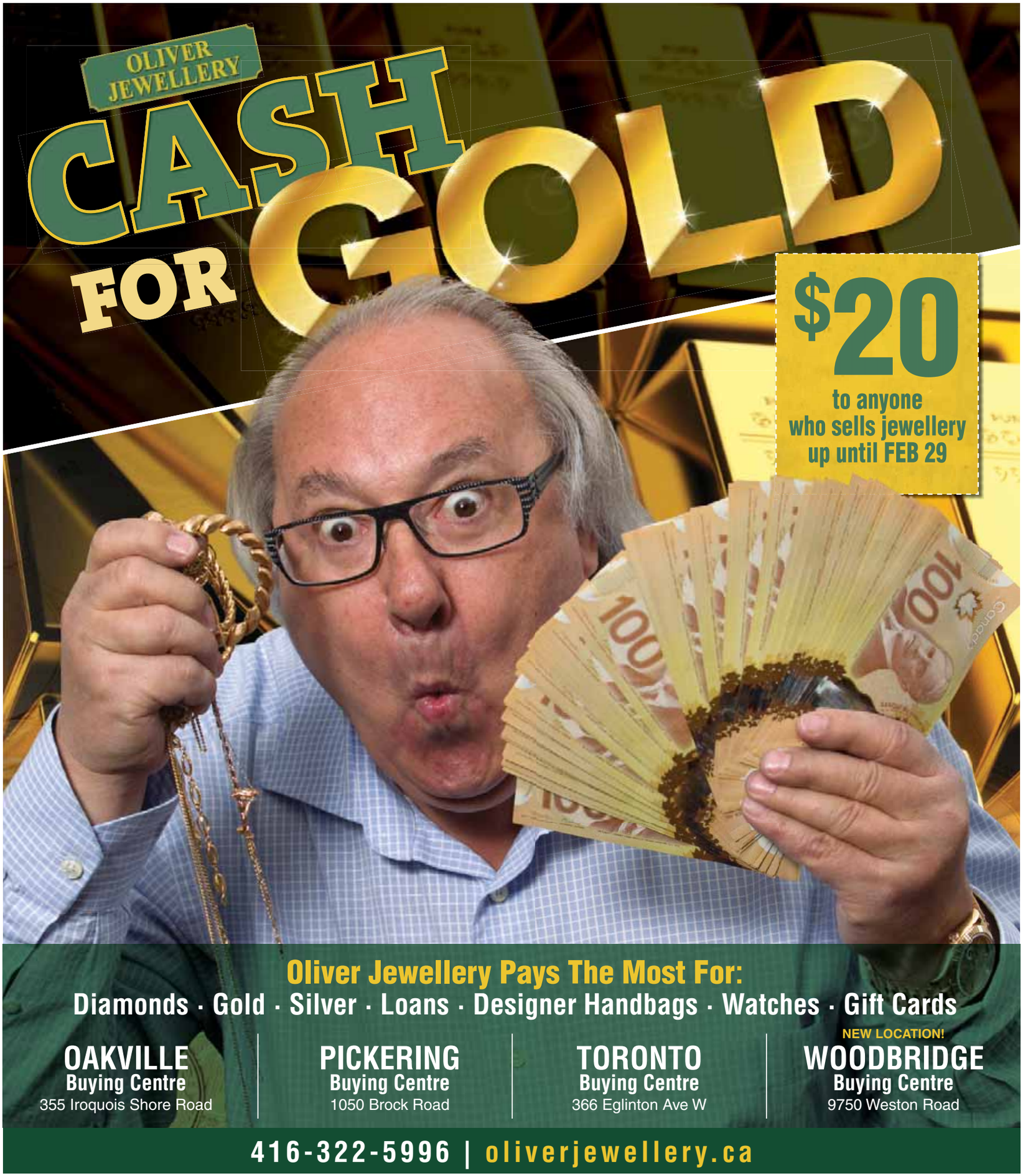
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5 WAYS TO CELEBRATE THE LUNAR NEW YEAR IN TORONTO

Monday marks the beginning of the Year of the Monkey, according to the Chinese lunar calendar. Here are five ways to celebrate the Lunar New Year in Toronto:

Liz Beddall
Metro | Toronto

1 LunarFest

The Harbourfront Centre invites Toronto to explore Chinese, Korean and Taiwanese New Year's traditions.

When: Feb. 20 and 21
Where: Harbourfront Centre, 235 Queen's Quay West

2 86'd Chinese New Year

Celebrate the New Year and sample classic Chinese dishes from a menu by Chef Jon Pong.

When: Feb. 8
Where: The Drake Hotel, 1150 Queen St. W.

3 Chinatown BIA

The Chinatown BIA will host a lively, two-day event to ring in Chinese New Year with singing, dancing and fortune telling.

When: Feb. 13 and 14
Where: Chinatown (Spadina Avenue and Dundas Street)

4 Banquet

Hosted by the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto, the banquet features a Tai Chi demo and Lunar New Year activities.

When: Feb. 20
Where: Chinese Cultural Centre, 5183 Sheppard Ave. E.

5 Lunar New Year Celebration

Long Yu, Music Director of the Shanghai Symphony Orchestra, will lead the Toronto Symphony orchestra to honour the Year of the Monkey.

When: Feb. 13
Where: Roy Thomson Hall, 60 Simcoe St.

Preparations are underway for the Lunar New Year celebration, which kicks off Monday. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

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Twins die tobogganing

CALGARY

Brothers were known for laughter, jokes and stunts

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Jordan and Evan Caldwell were inseparable.

You couldn't miss the red-haired twins — they did everything together, always full of jokes and laughter, according to classmate Kira Nelson.

The Caldwell twins died after they and six other boys smacked into a gate while using their personal toboggan after-hours on the bobsleigh track at Canada Olympic Park early Saturday morning.

"They were the only guys that could find an arbitrary award in pulling off a stunt like that," Nelson said. "The only boys who could think of a stunt so stupid. And that's why everyone loved them.

"They came up with these dumb ideas, and made it out safe. This time it didn't work out."

The Caldwell family. **Evan (far left) and Jordan (far right)**, their sister Katie and parents Shauna and Jason. CONTRIBUTED

Their deaths have shocked friends, family, and their school and church communities.

The boys grew up in Arbour Lake, Alta. sharing a bunk bed in a small navy-blue room.

It's where they learned to ride their bikes for the first time.

Liliane da Silveira remembers the boys when they were young and said they were easygoing and obedient. "They were all about sports," she said. "They were very good kids."

Evan and Jordan's parents, Shauna and Jason, sold the home to da Silveira about 15 years ago.

The family moved because they wanted to be closer to their church, Rocky Mountain Calvary Chapel.

"They were super nice. They were very good parents," she said. "I was extremely in shock when I heard the news. It's like I could feel their souls inside the house."

> **"I don't think one could live without the other."**
> Kira Nelson

Da Silveira's son, Vinny, went to school with Jordan, who was president of student council at Westmount Charter School.

"There was something about him," said Vinny, who's in Grade 9. "He just had the confidence to go out and speak. I wouldn't be surprised if a lot of people admired him, like 'I want to be like Jordan one day.'"

Both boys were heavily involved in their schools, receiving high grades, starting clubs and mentoring younger kids. They were also Hill Ambassadors at the Canada Olympic Park during the last winter season.

"Everyone who remotely knew them is absolutely devastated they passed," Nelson said. "But there's some comfort in knowing they died together — I don't think one could live without the other."

JIAN GHOMESHI

Emails critical in trials

Jian Ghomeshi
THE CANADIAN PRESS

The unearthing of 13-year-old emails in an attempt to discredit a woman accusing Jian Ghomeshi of sexual assault underscores the growing importance of "digital debris" in criminal and civil trials, experts say.

Lawyers and technology experts say the Internet has allowed for extensive records to be kept of one's movements and comments unlike anything in the past, but most people still don't consider the potential permanence of their words when firing off a message.

The amount of electronic data, records and documents introduced in trials can be "overwhelming," said David Fraser, an Internet and privacy lawyer.

An entire industry called e-discovery or digital forensics has sprung up to assist lawyers in cases where deeper online digging is needed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Residents line up for water after an earthquake damaged water pipes. SAM YEH/GETTY IMAGES

TAIWAN EARTHQUAKE

Rescuing survivors

As anxious families waited nearby, rescuers on Sunday painstakingly pulled more survivors from the remains of a highrise apartment building that collapsed a day earlier in a powerful earthquake that shook southern Taiwan and killed at least 32 people.

The government in Tainan, the worst-hit city, said that more than 170 people had been rescued alive from the 17-storey building, which folded like an accordion.

The Tainan Disaster Emergency Centre estimated 118 people were still trapped at the site, many at the bottom of the wreckage.

Earthquakes frequently rattle Taiwan, but most are minor and cause little or no damage, though a magnitude 7.6 quake in central Taiwan in 1999 killed more than 2,300 people. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SECURITY COUNCIL

UN condemns North Korean rocket test

For North Korea's propaganda machine, the long-range rocket launch Sunday carved a glorious trail of "fascinating vapour" through the clear blue sky. For South Korea's president, and other world leaders, it was a banned test of dangerous ballistic missile technology and yet another "intolerable provocation."

The UN Security Council responded at an emergency meeting Sunday by issuing a statement strongly condemning the rocket launch.

North Korea, which calls its launches part of a peaceful space program, said it had successfully put a new Earth observation satellite, the Kwangmyongsong 4, or Shining Star 4, into orbit less than 10 minutes after liftoff. It vowed more such launches.

The launch follows North Korea's widely disputed claim last month to have tested a hydrogen bomb. Washington and its allies will consider the rocket launch a further provocation and push for more tough sanctions.

The UN Security Council held a closed-door emergency meeting at the request of the U.S. and Japan. The statement approved by all 15 council members underscored that launches using ballistic missile technology, "even if characterized as a satellite launch or space launch vehicle" contribute to North Korea's development of systems to deliver nuclear weapons.

Canadian Foreign Affairs Minister Stephane Dion issued a statement condemning the rocket launch, calling it "unwarranted, irresponsible and dangerous behaviour."

North Korean rocket and nuclear tests are seen as crucial steps toward the North's ultimate goal of a nuclear armed missile that could hit the U.S. mainland.

A senior South Korean Defence Ministry official, Yoo Jeh Seung, told reporters Seoul and Washington have agreed to begin talks on a possible deployment of the THADD missile defence system in South Korea.
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UNITED STATES

The U.S. Strategic Command issued a statement saying that it detected and tracked a missile launched on a southern trajectory, but that it did not pose a threat to the U.S. or its allies. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Metro POLL

Roosh the Rude

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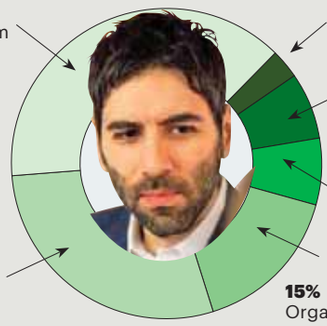
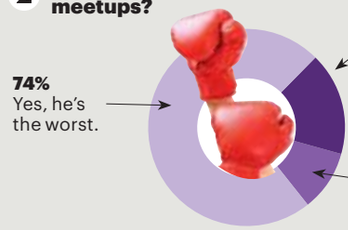
Daryush Valizadeh, a.k.a. Roosh V, is known for advocating that rape be legalized on private property, musing about how unfortunately difficult it would be to take the vote back from women, and publishing charming blog posts such as "5 Reasons to Date A Girl With An Eating Disorder" (they're "rarely fat" and "eager to please"). His planned, and since cancelled, meetups across Canada were met with opposition from feminists and leaders at all levels of government.
We asked our readers what should be done about Roosh spreading his vile views, especially those that may not quite rise to the level of hate speech. Should we avoid giving the Rooshes of the world attention? Or crack down?

1 What was the best way to respond to Roosh V's planned meetups in Canadian cities?


39% Ban him from the country
3% I support Roosh V
7% Other
7% Ban him from public property
15% Organize a protest
29% Just ignore him. It's his right to free speech

2 Are you happy Roosh V cancelled his Canadian meetups?



3 What kinds of public speech should be restricted by law?

22% Incitement to violence
17% White supremacy/racism
16% Sexism/misogyny
15% Homophobia
15% Dangerous misinformation (i.e. quack cancer cures)
10% Nothing but very narrow exceptions (i.e. threats, slander).
3% Nothing! I'm a free-speech absolutist
2% Other

Banning sexism, homophobia and white supremacy won't end those systems.

Everyone is entitled to freedom of speech. But when it's about something so illegal and scary, there should be consequences.

Raise money for anti-violence programming for every man who shows up at the meetups.

WE ASKED Metro readers

Will city planners keep on calling the shots?

TORY'S TORONTO
Matt Elliott

Six months ago, it looked like Toronto chief planner Jennifer Keesmaat was on her way out at city hall. At odds with Mayor John Tory after endorsing the removal of the eastern section of the Gardiner Expressway, her job security was a question mark.

But a lot can change in six months.

Keesmaat hasn't just stayed on the job, she and her planning department have taken on new prominence. These days, the planners are calling the shots.

Having planners, not politicians, leading the way on transit is a welcome change.

Over the last month, Keesmaat has signed two well-received reports on major transit projects. Her report on SmartTrack's western section brought about major changes to Tory's signature campaign promise. Her report on the Scarborough subway was an even bigger bombshell, recommending significant changes to a plan that has been the subject of endless debate and lots of repetitive sloganeering.

Going forward, Keesmaat's office will be pushing forward designs for the downtown relief subway line, the project that has been Toronto's real transit priority for, like, a hundred years.

It's a new era. In the past, transit plans have often emerged from places like the city manager's office or the TTC. In bad times they've come from the whims of politicians who looked at certain areas of the GTA and thought, "Gee, wouldn't a subway look really nice here?"

Having planners, not politicians, leading the way on transit is a welcome change.

But will it last?

There's reason to be cynical. When it comes to big picture stuff — subways or LRT routes — it's easy for elected officials to defer to the expertise of urban planners.

Things get harder when it's time to talk about the planning decisions needed to support those subways and LRT routes. That's when the conversation shifts to things like increasing density by allowing sky-high development near stations. That's when it comes time to start talking about narrowing roads to allow for surface transit and bike and pedestrian infrastructure.

And that's when the NIMBYs start looking at their backyards and saying, "Hey, not here." That's when people start yelling about the "war on the car." And, in the past, that's when politicians have folded.

The reality is that good planning principles are often unpopular. In his interview with Metro last week, planner and urban designer Ken Greenberg highlighted this tension. "We're trying to figure out as a city how we move to a world where we're less dependent on the car," he explained. "But the politics of that is complicated."

It sure is.

So, while the newfound power of Keesmaat's planning department is a welcome change, the challenge will be making it compatible with politics — and the real trick will be making it last.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD
metroview

My past, put on trial, would make me look like an idiot, too.

The Jian Ghomeshi sexual-assault trial has become a battleground, all right. And not just inside the courtroom.

In an ongoing swarm of tweets, public onlookers have editorialized every comment broadcast from the testimony. It's a digital debate between two entrenched camps: those who are inclined to believe the women, and those who aren't; those who view the judicial process with distaste, and those who defend it. Following #Ghomeshi makes it obvious both sides made up their minds long before the trial began.

And while many pro-complainant voices have tweeted their dismay at the narrative that Marie Henein, Ghomeshi's lawyer, drew all week — of women enamoured with Ghomeshi, who continued to seek his attention after encounters that they would later claim involved assault, who were fame-hungry and opportunistic — let's not forget how those same women performed on the stand.

That is to say, remarkably well.

I might not have Lucy DeCoutere's fellatio-on-a-beer-bottle sense of humour (she sent such a photo to Ghomeshi), or the first complainant's instinct to email a man a bikini shot (though I know women who have) — but my own past, put on trial, would make me look like an idiot.

Especially — especially — when it comes to men.

These two witnesses seemed prepared for Henein's force. The first, perhaps the more combative, appeared ready for Henein to call her a liar. At times she seemed confused, but she fought where she could to reiterate the core of her complaint.

DeCoutere, the second witness, was quick to criticize her own reaction to the alleged assault, her calm giving way to a more tense demeanour as the pressure grew. She treated Henein's most damaging evidence as consistent with her own initial narrative: The beer-bottle photo, along with some other steamy correspondence, was her way of "placating" Ghomeshi, despite what she says he did. When breaks in the questioning came, DeCoutere could still crack a smile at the court staff. She seemed candid and forthcoming, if sometimes caught off guard.

This — how these two women behaved on the stand — may not change the views of the crowds of observers, hungrily consuming the play-by-play on Twitter.

And nothing could dissuade Marie Henein — hunter of all closet skeletons — from her efforts to shred the witnesses' credibility.

Judge William Horkins, however, will be the ultimate arbiter. And there's a chance he will be swayed by what he's seen in the witness box.

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HALFTIME SHOW

Star-spangled lineup fires up the crowd

SUPER 50 BOWL

And the crowd goes wild for Coldplay, Bruno Mars, and Queen B!

British rock band Coldplay headlined the Super Bowl 50 halftime show Sunday night at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, Calif.

The group kicked the show off with a nostalgic performance of their hit song Viva la Vida.

Spectators responded with screams as Coldplay continued with another hit from the past, Paradise.

The band followed up with Adventure of a Lifetime, off their new album.

Soon after, Bruno Mars popped on stage and turned the funk up with hit song Uptown Funk along with Mark Ronson, who was pretending to DJ.

Beyoncé brought her fierce self next and performed her newly released single Formation, which took the Internet by storm soon after its release on Saturday.

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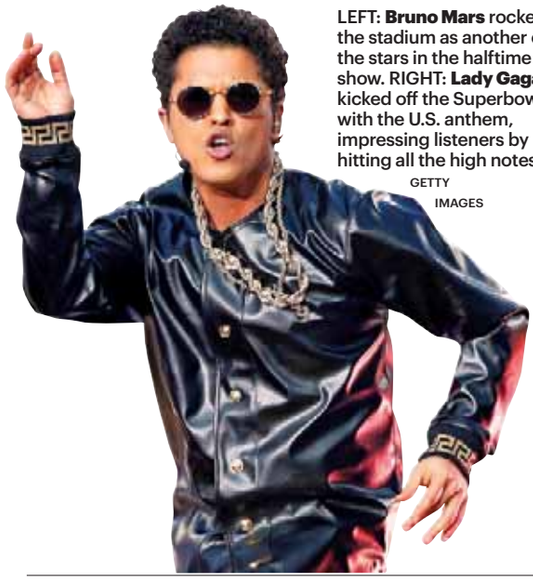
Beyoncé joined **Chris Martin** of Coldplay in headlining the Super Bowl 50 Halftime Show Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, Calif. GETTY



LEFT: **Bruno Mars** rocked the stadium as another of the stars in the halftime show. RIGHT: **Lady Gaga** kicked off the Superbowl with the U.S. anthem, impressing listeners by hitting all the high notes. GETTY IMAGES

TELEVISION

Big advertisers gamble on upbeat messaging

Forty-plus advertisers — including newcomers like Amazon and stalwarts like Anheuser-Busch — have taken a $5 million gamble for a 30-second chance to wow viewers.

Instead of slapstick-focused ads or racy messages this year, advertisers are trying to break out with empowering and even heartfelt messages.

Pokemon urges kids to "Train on," Michelob Ultra tells exercisers to "Breathe" and SunTrust urges people to let go of financial stress.

"The Super Bowl ad party is growing up," said Kelly O'Keefe, a Virginia Commonwealth University marketing professor.

"We're telling stories in different ways. The storytelling is better than ever."

In an effort to grab early buzz, almost three dozen advertisers released their ads online ahead of the game this year.

YouTube says brands that release their ads on YouTube before the game receive an average of 2.2 times more views than those that wait until game day to post an ad.

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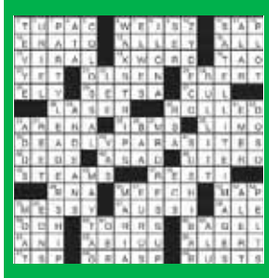

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JOHANNA SCHNELLER **WHAT I'M WATCHING**

When you can't swear on network TV

Timothy Hutton and Hope Davis are a married couple at odds in American Crime. CONTRIBUTED

THE SHOW: American Crime, Season Two, Episode Four (ABC)
THE MOMENT: The Black Screens

Steph (Hope Davis) and her husband Dan (Timothy Hutton) are arguing.

She wants him to quit his job — basketball coach at hoity-toity Leyland Academy in Indianapolis, Ind. — because the headmistress, Leslie (Felicity Huffman), is a snake. (Leslie asked Steph to encourage Dan to advise his players to lie about a sexual assault.) He doesn't want to quit.

The fight escalates. "What the f— do you want, do you want me to stand here and spew sh— so you can feel better about yourself?" Dan shouts. Interestingly, every time he says a starred word, for a nanosecond the sound drops out and the screen goes blank.

The most vital TV series right now deal with race, money or sex. American Crime weaves all three into a fascinating, infuriating tangle, set smack in America's heartland. The assault victim is a lower-class boy whom no one takes seriously. One of the accused is an upper-class kid whose parents (Regina King and Andre Benjamin) believe he's mistrusted because he's black. Leslie — Lady Macbeth in the principal's chair — calmly purrs sentences like, "We only have three black families that pay full tuition."

There's one thing that separates American Crime from cable shows, and it's not complexity of ideas. It's language: You still can't swear on ABC. Hence the blank screens. (Jarring at first, you quickly get used to them.)

American Crime is set in a ruthlessly competitive world. The broadcaster that airs it is trying to keep up, too.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

The queen Bee

Samantha Bee is taking on the boys club with her new late-night series Full Frontal

For all the talk of how she's the only woman in the crowded late-night field, Samantha Bee sure has balls.

The long-time Daily Show correspondent's new series Full Frontal With Samantha Bee premieres Monday at 10:30 p.m. on the Comedy Network. If the prelaunch sketches posted on YouTube are any indication, Bee plans to shake up the boys club.

"I am female as f—," Bee declares in an edgy teaser for her new weekly series. The bit shows Bee in a gallery filled with portraits of late-night males Jimmy Fallon, Jimmy Kimmel, James Corden, Seth Meyers, John Oliver, David Letterman, even Carson Daly. A waiter offers her a large plate of meaty hors d'oeuvres. "You know what?" says Bee. "I think I'm kinda done with sausages."

It's no accident that the show is called Full Frontal. Bee plans to pull down plenty of pants on her series and make a lot of people uncomfortable.

The religious right is going to hate her. One of her promo clips showed fake footage of Republican presidential candidate Ted Cruz blasting pandas out of trees with a shotgun. Video of fellow candidate Marco Rubio praising Jesus at a GOP event prompted Bee to jump up and down proclaiming, "Yay, Jesus! Oh, he's so lucky he didn't live to see this debate."

If Fox News finds Stephen Colbert too partisan, they're going to freak over Full Frontal.

The Canadian-born comedian downplayed her killer Bee approach during the recent Television Critics Association press tour in Pasadena, Calif. Bee admitted to reporters that she sometimes held back during her record-setting 12-year tenure as a Daily Show contributor.

There were times when "I would have gone more deeply into a subject than others wanted to," she said, "and we'll have the opportunity to do that at Full Frontal."

Bee came to The Daily Show an outsider. Born and raised in Toronto, Bee picked up some theatrical training at George Brown College before helping to form the Toronto improv troupe the Atomic Fireballs. She became Jon Stewart's first female correspondent when she joined his New York-based series in 2003. She was also the first non-U.S. citizen correspondent.

She's pretaped one far-afield element already: a trip to Jordan.

"We are going to do a cultural orientation for Americans in order to better receive the Syrian refugees who are coming to this country," she says, pointing out, "They have to do an American cultural orientation in Jordan in order to be resettled."

While her series has trained journalists on staff, Bee says the focus will always be on the funny.

"We want to take stories that we don't think receive enough attention and stab them with the hot poker of comedy," she says.

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BEYONCÉ'S FORMATION

Beyoncé releases surprise track on Tidal

Another Beyoncé surprise project lit up social media and caused a frenzy of excitement a day before the superstar's Super Bowl performance. Beyoncé released Formation on Saturday as a free download on her artist page for the streaming service, Tidal, which she co-owns with husband Jay Z, Rihanna and other artists. The song, along with a music video, was released as a gift to her fans and it can be downloaded without having a subscription to Tidal.

Formation is a gritty street anthem that, perhaps not coincidentally for Black History Month, has lyrics that express black pride. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

LATE NIGHT WOMEN

Joan Rivers

Rivers angered then-reigning talk-show king Johnny Carson in 1986 by ditching her gig as permanent Tonight Show guest host and launching Late Show on Fox. Two tumultuous years and a booking war later it was cancelled.

Chelsea Handler

Launched in 2007, Chelsea Lately survived seven seasons at E! Handler's series was distinguished with a roundtable panel and often had a randy Howard Stern-like vibe.

Wanda Sykes

Fox again tried to add a female voice to late night in 2009. Sykes' stinging standup wit, however, did not stand up over a series haul, even in weekend doses.

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Vintage bling for engagement rings

PROPOSALS

More couples opt for second-hand jewelry

Shriram Venkataramana had two months to look for an engagement ring for his girlfriend, Payal Uttam. He wanted to propose while they were on vacation in Bali, but he was overwhelmed just thinking about finding the perfect ring.

"It was very intimidating," Venkataramana says. "I had never been into a jewelry store, looking for a ring for someone else before, so I avoided it as long as I could."

A jewelry-savvy friend took Venkataramana to a Birks store last August, where they pinpointed rings that suited Uttam's style. "All four of them happened to be estate rings," Venkataramana says. "They were the unique ones — not your diamond solitaires."

So their next stop was Cynthia Findlay Antiques on Toronto's King St. W, which specializes in vintage jewelry. It was there Venkataramana found the perfect ring for his now wife.

Uttam is one of a growing number of brides sporting vintage rings on their fingers. Influenced by popular movies and TV series such as The Great Gatsby and Downton Abbey, Cynthia Findlay has seen increasing demand for her vintage engagement rings from the Victorian (1837-1901), Edwardian (1901-1910), Art Nouveau (1890-1918) and Art Deco (1920-1930) eras.

Engagement rings in her shop start at $400 and run upwards of $20,000. Findlay acquires them through private sellers and works with independent gemologists to determine the ring's value.

"Pieces were handmade with tremendous pride, especially from 1915 to 1930," she says. "People were paid to do a beautiful job. They weren't paid to produce 42 rings from a mould."

Some jewelry shops have gemologists on staff, including Van Rijk Estate Jewellery and Watches, at Yonge St. and Eglinton Ave.

"We look at a ring, check the colour of the stone, the clarity, the weight, the era and the workmanship," says store manager and certified gemologist Pina Danyszczuk. "If it's a signed piece like Tiffany or Cartier then it's worth even more."

At Van Rijk, Danyszczuk says on average, the budget for young couples buying engagement rings runs between $5,000 and $15,000.

Gemological certifications also come with an appraisal value that customers can take to their insurance provider. "The replacement value is not what they paid but what they should insure it for," says Danyszczuk, who always notes on gemological certificates that vintage rings are not readily replaceable.

"You should have it insured," says Danyszczuk. "If you're going to spend $15,000, you don't want to spend that again. You can sleep better at night."

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ART DECO

Made in the 1920s, art deco rings are characterized by elaborate designs and geometric motifs. "A lot of the art deco rings were flat because women wore gloves," explains Pina Danyszczuk, store manager at Van Rijk Estate Jewellery and Watches. Danyszczuk says that art deco is the most in-demand era of vintage rings at her store.

Diamond, sapphire and platinum ring, Van Rijk Estate Jewellery and Watches, $6,500.

OLD EUROPEAN CUT DIAMONDS

Before the advent of machine cutting technology, jewellers hand-cleaved each facet of the diamond which often resulted in a slightly imperfect shape. Also known as an Old Mine Cut, this style of diamond was popular in both the Edwardian and Victorian eras. They're the precursor of today's brilliant cut diamonds.

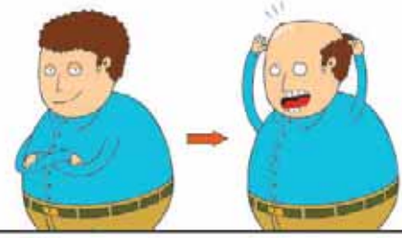
18K yellow gold and diamond solitaire ring, Canadian Estate Jewellers, $4,900.

COLOURED GEMSTONES

"A lot of couples say they're not interested in a diamond at all," says Cynthia Findlay, who has been selling vintage rings for over 35 years. Sapphires, rubies and emeralds are popular alternatives as engagement rings, although many vintage styles are accented with smaller diamonds in the design.

14K white gold, emerald and diamond ring, Cynthia Findlay Antiques, $13,000.

LOSING HAIR IS NOT FUNNY



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Being a super-saver can backfire. **Metro's finance guru Lesley-Anne Scorgie** says it's important to budget for small splurges so you don't end up raiding your savings for impulse buys

Yes, you can be too frugal

LESLEY-ANNE SCORGIE
metromoney

THE CHALLENGE: Metro's finance guru Lesley-Anne Scorgie is on a mission to transform the finances of two young women; Annick, who is heavily indebted, and Yolanda, who is on a mission to save a down payment. Each week, they take action to improve their financial fitness. Join the conversation #MetroMoneyMakeover @LesleyScorgie

THIS WEEK: Yolanda, a 27-year-old web communications specialist, is a super-saver. But, her ultra-frugal behaviour is leading to two undesirable outcomes. First, Yolanda's friends are getting annoyed because they think she's a cheapskate. Second, she's blowing her savings because she's depriving herself of regular intervals of fun like meals out and the occasional new pair of shoes.

NEXT WEEK: Annick learns how to take advantage of free money through her employer's RRSP program while kicking her debt in the butt.

LESLEY-ANNE SCORGIE IS A BESTSELLING AUTHOR AND FOUNDER OF MEVEST, A MONEY COACHING SERVICE FOR CANADIANS. FOLLOW HER @LESLEYSCORGIE

Yolanda has a bad habit of saving like a demon and then blowing her savings in one fell swoop.

To help Yolanda kick her binge-savings habit, her homework is to master her cash flow so that she will still be able to spend money on her favourite things. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO CANADA

THE STORY

I've helped many people get their finances into shape but Yolanda is by far the most frugal person I've met… even more than myself. In fact, she even asked our Metro photographer to pay her $3 bus fare for the photo shoot for this series.

That's nothing. Yolanda coupons her way through the weekly grocery specials, surfs the Internet on free Wi-Fi, grinds retailers for discounts and trades her friend dates at restaurants and bars for homemade tea and a stroll.

Minding her dollars and cents keeps her debt free and affords Yolanda the opportunity to save between $500 to $700 per month, all in an effort to build up a $25,000 down payment on a home within the next three years.

THE LESSON

As some Twitter followers have pointed out, Yolanda should be saving more given her ultra-frugal spending, low cost of living and $42,000 annual salary.

I thought the exact same thing until I discovered Yolanda has a bad habit of saving like a demon and then blowing her savings in one fell swoop on travel and her cute pooch. We are going to kick her binge savings habit to the curb.

Yolanda has some homework to do. To control her impulse spending, she has to master her cash flow, through budgeting (a plan for her money) and monthly spending summaries (the reconciliation of her budget to what actually happened). Once she masters this exercise, I estimate she can save an additional $250 per month toward her down payment and still spend money on her favourite things.

The other thing I worry about is that Yolanda is irritating her friends and family with her ultra-frugal behaviour. She'll need to strike a balance between saving, without being a cheapskate. So, she'll have to "up" the amounts of money she allocates to social activities and gifts in her budget.

MONEY

A surprise
Based on Yolanda's first cut at her monthly budget, she's got $435 left over. If she can stick to her budget, Yolanda can definitely save more!

Income	$2,400
Expenses:	
• Rent	$750
• Savings	$50
• RRSP	$150
• TFSA	$250
• Insurance	$25
• Groceries	$200
• Transit	$120
• Cell phone	$30
• Restaurants, entertainment, gifts	$150
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Total Expenses	**$1,965**
Surplus	**$435**

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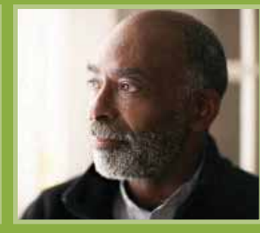

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The investment world is like a box of mixed chocolates without a map: you think you're getting one thing, but you end up with something else. Witness all the folks who tell me they've bought a mutual fund but have no idea what that mutual fund is invested in, so they don't know if it actually meets their needs.

"All I want to do is make some money," people tell me. "I don't know much about investing and I'm told this is the way to go."

"Would you take your money and throw it out your car window while doing 100 kilometres per hour?" I ask.

"No." The response comes with a puzzled look.

"Then why would you invest in something you don't understand, where you have the potential to lose money?"

"Lose money?" The puzzled look turns to panic.

"Hey, a mutual fund is..." and I explain about diversification, a basket of investments, unit values, and past performance being no predictor of future performance. They panicked look turns to despair.

OK, let's take a step back. You don't have to be a wizard to be an investor. Anything you use to grow your money is an investment. A high interest savings account, a GIC, a bond or a stock are all types of investments.

Some have higher returns than others and a rule of thumb is the greater the potential return, the greater the risk you might lose some money.

If you want to be an investor, you have to know the rules. Here are my top three:

Don't buy anything you can't explain to a 12-year-old.
Knowledge: If you want your money to work hard for you, you have to learn about investing. Read. Build a pretend portfolio and spend some time learning about what happens in the markets. You'll not only learn about how investments work, you'll learn about yourself.

Don't buy anything that keeps you up at night.
Risk profile: This is the fancy way of saying, "How big a chicken are you?" You better know. Using a pretend portfolio you can see how you react when your investments go up and down in value. You'll learn about you: how you respond in a crisis and what types of investments best suit you.

Know how long you're willing to stay invested.
Time horizon: If you plan to stay in an investment for less than 10 years, you've got to stay out of equities: stocks and stock-based mutual funds. The last thing you need is for the market to dipsy-doodle, just when you want to use the money. As you get closer to spending the money — as your time horizon shortens — you need to move that money where it'll be safe so you'll have it when you need it.

Don't stay stuck at the bottom of the investment pyramid (Don't know what that is? Go look it up!) because of a lack of knowledge. Read. Ask questions. Learn. Practice with a pretend portfolio. Then move up the pyramid.

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WHAT'S ON

Food, song and dance alive throughout the city

Tanya Enberg

From sophisticated high tea and mouth-watering culinary delights to an extravagant symphony performance and free, kid-friendly stories and crafts, the GTA has an array of Chinese New Year events taking place to ring in the Year of the Monkey.

"New Year has become one of the most popular Chinese festivals," says Stephen Siu, president of the Yee Hong Community Wellness Foundation, annual host of the Dragon Ball, which took place on Saturday, Feb. 6.

"Chinese culture, and major festivals like the Chinese New Year and the Dragon Boat Festival, all of these major Chinese cultural events really are very much alive in Toronto. One of the reasons people pick major Canadian cities like Toronto and Vancouver is because all of the ethnic groups can maintain, preserve or even promote their own culture. That's the uniqueness of Canada."

Entertainer Mark Rowswell, AKA Dashan, the most famous foreigner in China and host of the Toronto Symphony Orchestra's The Year of the Monkey concert, explains the jubilance surrounding the Chinese New Year. "Every culture has its own No. 1 over-the-top annual holiday, and in China that's Chinese New Years," he says.

"It's Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving rolled into one. And it's a great thing to import into Canada because I think we could all use a pick-me-up in the middle of winter."

With the fabric of Toronto steeped in an abundance of Chinese culture, the New Year, which lasts 15 days and begins Feb. 8, brings some of the joy, spirit and traditions into the spotlight for all to enjoy.

Toronto Symphony Orchestra, The Year of the Monkey Concert
Feb. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Roy Thomson Hall, 60 Simcoe St.
Tickets: $50 - $182.50
Hosted by Mark Rowswell (aka Dashan), the TSO presents The Year of the Monkey, with Long Yu, artistic director of the China Philharmonic Orchestra, at the helm.

"It bridges the East-West gap by intricately blending both traditional Chinese and western classical styles together," says Francine Labelle, TSO publicity manager.

"Music is a universal language. This is a wonderful way to connect with Toronto's diverse community and celebrate its rich cultural landscape."

Cultures of China: Festival of Spring
Feb. 27 at 7:30 p.m.

Where: Sony Centre for the Performing Arts, 1 Front St. E.
Tickets: $28 - $118
Chinese New Year festivities continue with an eclectic performance troupe from China showcasing a variety show of acrobatics, graceful Chinese dance, Kung Fu and music, with artists wearing traditional contemporary fashions.

Chinese New Year celebrations in the city feature customs, culture and cuisine.
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> **It's Christmas, Easter and Thanksgiving rolled into one.**
> Entertainer Mark Rowswell

Toronto Public Library
Feb. 4-8

From Chinese New Year story time and making paper lanterns to origami and puppet shows, music and dance, there are plenty of free, kid-friendly (drop-in and pre-registered programs available) activities happening at eight libraries branches across Toronto. Check online or at your local library for happenings in your area.

Shangri-La Hotel
Feb. 8-21

Where: 188 University Ave.
Deep-fried mushroom bean curd and steamed pork and scallop dumplings are among the four varieties of dim sum ($16 per order) featured on the special menu being offered at the Shangri-La Hotel to mark the New Year. The stylish hotel will host afternoon Chinese New Year-inspired high tea with decadent sweets and live music performances with traditional instruments ($25 per person).

Seeing red? You will likely observe a plethora of red on display throughout the Chinese New Year. The vibrant colour appears on clothing and decorations and is thought to symbolize good fortune and joy. Meanwhile, tiny red envelopes with money tucked inside are often gifted to friends and family during the holiday to bring about good luck.

Toronto Chinatown Chinese New Year Celebration
Feb. 13 & 14
Noon – 5 p.m.

Where: Chinatown Centre, 222 Spadina Ave. and Dragon City Mall, 280 Spadina Ave.
Take in Toronto's vibrant Chinatown with two days of free events at two locations.

The fun includes singing, dancing and zodiac fortune telling, courtesy of the Chinatown Business Improvement Area.

The ceremony kicks off at the Chinatown Centre at noon with the God of Fortune giving out red pockets and a lion dancing ceremony.

PARTY PLANNING

Modern twists on tradition

Ring in the Year of the Monkey with your own Chinese New Year party. Traditional celebrations can be a lot of work, but there are some simple ways to honour the customs and have a fun, festive event.

"For a Chinese New Year's party, it's important to create the right atmosphere," explains Angela Chan, vice president and chair of special events at the Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto. "Decorate your space in red and gold, red signifying celebration and gold signifying prosperity and riches. Green, meaning life, is also a popular colour because in China, the New Year is also a celebration of spring."

Start with your front door — welcome guests with a door covered in red crepe paper and add decorative Chinese images you can pick up at a Chinese market. Decorate indoors with vases of fresh red and yellow flowers, hang red homemade (or bought) Chinese lanterns, and adorn your table in red, yellow and gold.

Gifts of money in red envelopes are a popular Chinese New Year tradition. You can also give "lucky money" in the form of chocolate coins also in red envelopes.

"These envelopes in a basket make a nice addition to your decor," Chan says.

Another important element for Chinese New Year is the couplet.

"These are strips of red paper with a few words in Chinese wishing health and prosperity for the New Year," explains Chan. "They're not fortunes. The messages are simply good wishes. You can hire a Chinese calligrapher to make these for your party, or you can buy them already printed at a Chinese store."

To honour the Year of the Monkey, scatter a few stuffed monkey toys around your home, adding to the decor, and that children can take home as parting gifts.

"Something that is traditional, but fits in well with a modern celebration, is the tray of togetherness, which signifies luck and prosperity for the New Year," says Chan. This is a tray divided into eight sections of different sweets and snacks, served to guests as an appetizer.

"Traditionally, the tray would include things like dried coconut, lotus seeds and dried melon seeds stained red, but you can serve whatever you like," she adds.

MICHELLE WILLIAMS

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2016 Chinese horoscopes

This is the year of the Fire Monkey, so it's all about action and ambition and adventure. Taking risks is OK, but try not to be reckless about it. With the Monkey, though, it tends to be all or nothing, so big wins and big losses are equally likely. **CARLY J. CALE**

MONKEY

1932, 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004
It can't just be monkey-see, monkey-do this year — you can and you must lead the way. All that pent-up passion needs a creative outlet and in both your private life and your career you will be the proverbial unstoppable force. Greatness beckons. All hail the Monkey King!

ROOSTER

1933, 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005
The cocky Rooster won't be so loud and proud this year — you want to keep as low a profile as possible. Why? Because your brain is bubbling with big ideas, some of which could make lots of money. But you need peace and quiet to plot your route to fame and fortune.

DOG

1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006
You have so many schemes and so many dreams — in fact, you have too many. If you want to make the most of your potential, you must focus exclusively on your No. 1 aim. The Dog can make a big noise this year, but it must be more than just howling at the moon.

PIG

1935, 1947, 1959, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007
Home is where the heart is and if you stick close to your family over the coming 12 months this could be one of the best years ever. Switch off from outside distractions and cozy up with your loved ones in domestic bliss. The big, bad world can take care of itself.

RAT

1936, 1948, 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008
Travelling for fun, romance and profit will light up the coming year and being such a clever Rat you will no doubt find ways to combine all three. Keep an overnight bag by your bed at all times — you never know when you might have to make a quick getaway!

OX

1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009
No one works harder than the Ox — that's why you are so successful — but don't overdo it. Pay more attention to health and fitness issues and make sure you are working and making money for yourself, not other people. Your task for the year? Learn to say "No"!

TIGER

1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010
Partnership issues are highlighted this year and if you are in the market for romance you won't lack for opportunities. Be choosy. Play the field a bit before you settle down. A Dog person or Horse lover could turn out to be the soul mate you have been looking for.

RABBIT

1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011
Take good care of your assets this year because with the mischievous Monkey in the ascendant you could be tempted to gamble with what you own and earn. If your attitude is "easy come, easy go" it could all go a lot quicker than you expected! Don't leave anything to chance.

DRAGON

1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012
This is an auspicious year for those born under the sign of the Dragon, a year in which your creative and artistic talents will flourish and you find favour with people in positions of power. You may not be sitting on a hoard of gold just yet — but you soon will be!

SNAKE

1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013
You seem to have a lot more rivals and enemies of late but you are far too smart to let them outwit you. No one surpasses the Snake for cunning and each new challenge you face this year will be an opportunity to show how s-s-skillful and s-s-serious you can be.

HORSE

1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014
You will have plenty to say for yourself this year — as always — but don't give away for free information you could have charged for. Knowledge is a commodity like everything else, and because you are the bearer of so many secrets, others will pay top dollar for what you know.

SHEEP

1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015
You are more likely to get what you want this year by disguising your intentions. In short, the less others know about your ambitions the better. You have got your eye on the top job and are determined to make it your own. Yes, you're a wolf in Sheep's clothing!

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Time to celebrate Chinese dishes

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Whatever is eaten is believed to bring fortune

Donna Paris

"It's a time of reunion and thanksgiving, a time when all members of a family get together and thank the gods."

That's how Canson Tsang, owner of Lai Wah Heen restaurant in Toronto, describes Chinese New Year.

"There are several components to the dinner," explains Tsang, "but there are dishes that appear on the table every New Year's Eve."

The belief is whatever is eaten on New Year's Eve will affect your fortune for the year. Every region in China has its favourites, but there are always courses to signify abundance.

For food blogger Xiao Wang and her husband, it's definitely the biggest celebration of the year. "My husband and I go to my parents' place and we go to my in-laws, too, so we have double the feast," says Xiao. "My husband's parents are from Hong Kong and mine are from mainland China, so we have different dishes, but one thing we have at both homes is a whole fish."

The fish, usually steamed, symbolizes a good beginning to the New Year, as the Chinese word for fish, "yu," sounds like the one for abundance or plenty.

"We often leave a portion of leftovers, to leave some for the New Year," says Xiao. And her mom often serves a shrimp dish, as well, which is pronounced the same way as the word for laughter in Chinese.

Another item that often appears on the table is dumplings.

"My mom makes them from scratch with different fillings, and they're important because they are shaped like the old Chinese gold and silver ingots, so they represent wealth," says Xiao. They also resemble a purse, and because the filling is nestled together inside the dumpling, they represent unity of the family.

Vegetarian dishes are common, as well — especially those including vegetables with auspicious names. One Cantonese tradition is to serve hair seaweed, or black moss fungus.

"Fungus means fat choy, which also sounds like the New Year's greeting of wishing others prosperity," says Tsang. The black moss is often prepared with dried oysters as a special dish served only on New Year's Eve.

Most Chinese restaurants offer a New Year's Eve special.

"We offer so many dishes," says Michael Wang, who runs the family-owned business, Asian Legend restaurant, with his brother and sister. "But one of the best ones is Peking duck."

The best part is the duck itself with the crispy skin, he says, which is served as two or three courses, as a wrap with a pancake rolled around the chicken and fillings, such as cucumber and green onion, then the delicious broth is served as a soup with cabbage at the end.

"We get our ducks from Montreal, and because the weather is colder there, the ducks have more fat, which makes them especially flavourful," says Wang. "It's very delicious."

The list goes on: "Eggs are good, as is chicken and lobster, served whole to promote unity," says Tsang.

What else?

Long noodles for a long life. Oranges for wealth and good fortune. Fruits with lots of seeds, such as pomegranates or lotus pods, for progeny. And the word for tangerine sounds like "luck," so this fruit is especially popular at this time of year. Sweets, too, for a "sweet" year.

"In the old days, meat was a specialty, and people only ate it on very special occasions, such as New Year's," says Wang. "Today we have so many options, but still people like to have special things like the slow-cooked pork belly that's served in a bun on this night."

This year, Xiao and her husband will be cooking turnip cake, made with shredded daikon radish then pan-fried, and nian gao, a glutinous rice cake, or New Year's cake.

"We got the recipes from my husband's mom, so we are going to attempt to make them and give the recipes on (my) blog, xiaoeats.com," says Xiao.

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NBA MVP Stephen Curry banged the "Keep Pounding" drum on Sunday for the Panthers, the Golden State Warriors guard's favourite team

D for Denver domination

SUPER BOWL 50

Defence is the decider as Broncos stuff Carolina

SUNDAY In Santa Clara

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If this was the final game of his magnificent career, what a Super way to go out for Peyton Manning.

He can thank Von Miller and the Broncos' swarming, big-play defence for his second NFL championship.

Adding that ring to his five MVP awards, Manning certainly can be satisfied and comfortable in retirement should Sunday's 24-10 victory over the Carolina Panthers be his finale. He wasn't the star — game MVP Miller seemingly was everywhere on every Carolina play — but Manning really hasn't been the headliner in this injury-shortened season.

Emulating his Broncos boss, John Elway, the 39-year-old Manning can ride off with the Lombardi Trophy after leading Denver to its third NFL title, first since 1999 — when Elway was the quarterback.

Denver's suffocating defence kept Cam Newton jittery all day.

Despite wearing gold shoes in the golden Super Bowl, Newton couldn't finish off a dynamic season in which he was the league's MVP.

Miller twice stripped him, once for a touchdown, the second time setting up a clinching TD.

Denver's top-ranked defence, the one that ran roughshod over Tom Brady in the NFC championship, simply wouldn't let Newton get comfortable.

Newton was sacked six times — receiver Ted Ginn Jr., went down once on an aborted trick play — and if Miller wasn't torturing him, DeMarcus Ware was. Ware had two of the seven sacks, the most ever by one team in the Super Bowl.

Carolina's potent offence that led the league with 500 points was held to its fewest points of the year.

Denver set an ignominious mark with 194 yards gained, the fewest for a Super Bowl winner.

So what: The Broncos (15-4) are champions and Manning is the first quarterback to win Super Bowls with two franchises, Indianapolis in 2007 was the other.

Manning finished 13 for 23 for 141 yards against a strong Carolina (17-2) defence that just couldn't match Miller and company. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Broncos' Vonn Miller strips the ball from Panthers quarterback Cam Newton in the second half of Super Bowl 50 on Sunday night in Santa Clara, Calif. CHARLIE RIEDEL/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Newton can't close deal on MVP season

Cam Newton's dream season ended with a nightmare performance.

Fresh off being named the league's MVP, the Panthers fifth-year quarterback was stymied by an aggressive Denver Broncos defence in his first Super Bowl appearance.

The six-foot-five, 245-pound quarterback who scored 45 touchdowns during the regular season — and five more in the playoffs — failed to produce a TD running or throwing for the first time this season.

Newton didn't get much help from his offensive line which allowed a Super Bowl record-tying seven sacks, or his wide receivers, who dropped big passes at key times.

Newton spent much of the game under heavy duress as the Panthers were unable to handle the pressure of Von Miller and DeMarcus Ware. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Peter Holland collides with the Senators' Chris Neil during the Leafs' 6-1 loss in Ottawa on Saturday night.
FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Spotlight shines on Lou and Leafs' front office

NHL

GM will have options and few restrictions this trade period

Ever tight-lipped, Maple Leafs general manager Lou Lamoriello at least acknowledges now is the time that he, the team's pro scouting staff and the rest of the front office staff earn their keep.

The trade deadline is three weeks away — 3 p.m. on Feb. 29. By then, this particular group of Maple Leafs could be vastly different than the one that heads west this week for a four-game trip through Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver and Chicago.

The prices have been set. Calls are being made. The other shoe could drop at any time.

"You never know," Lamoriello said. "In your mind you have something you'd like to see transpire. Then you just have to see where it goes from there. If there was anything imminent, it would be done. That's the best way to approach it. It's no different for anybody. It just depends on the guys somebody is looking for."

> **The whole key is how do you get better.**
> Lou Lamoriello

The Leafs certainly hope they have what other teams are looking for. The roster seems designed to be dismantled, with seven pending unrestricted free agents.

Need a goalie? Try James Reimer. How about a hard-nosed, penalty-killing defenceman? Roman Polak. Some offensive help? P.A. Parenteau. Depth forwards? Shawn Matthias, Michael Grabner, Brad Boyes and Nick Spaling.

The Leafs have 48 pros under contract — two under the limit — and enough salary-cap space to add contracts valued at an average of $10 million annually for the rest of the season. So Lamoriello is in position to take on a bad contract if there is something else — a prospect, a draft pick — in it for him.

"The whole key is how do you get better," Lamoriello said. "How quick do you get better? Things evolve, and that usually makes decisions for you. It depends on what can or cannot happen. Then you have to make a judgment call whether that's the right decision for what you have to do."

The players whose names are sure to come up in speculation are braced for it.

"I've been down that road before," Parenteau said. "I know it's part of the game. It's tougher now, I have a family. You think about that. My little one is in school. I try to block it, and take it game by game and try to do my best."

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NBA

CP3 prevails as Clippers top Heat

Chris Paul had the worst possible start to his shooting day.

His finish, however, was perfect.

Paul's consecutive three-pointers in the final minutes were daggers to a Miami comeback, and his game-high 22 points helped the Los Angeles Clippers hang on to beat the Heat 100-93 on Sunday.

"I kept shooting it," Paul said, "because sooner or later it had to go in."

J.J. Redick scored 14 points, Wesley Johnson had 10 and DeAndre Jordan and Cole Aldrich grabbed 11 rebounds each for the Clippers, who won despite a 1-for-15 start from the field.

Chris Paul
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Paul was 0 for 7 in the opening period, the worst one-quarter performance of his NBA career, and was 0 for 9 before he got a shot to fall. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Barca sets new unbeaten record at 28 games

Barcelona did just enough to defeat last-place Levante 2-0 on Sunday and tie its all-time record of 28 consecutive games without a loss.

Barcelona took the lead with an own goal by Levante defender David Navarro in the 21st minute and sealed the victory with an injury-time score by Luis Suarez to match the unbeaten streak set by Pep Guardiola's team in the 2010-11 season.

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Willet wins Dubai Classic with 15-foot birdie putt

Danny Willett of England sank a birdie putt from 15 feet on the final hole to win the Dubai Desert Classic title by one shot on Sunday.

Fellow Englishman Andy Sullivan (68) and Spain's Rafael Cabrera-Bello (69) set the clubhouse pace for overnight leader Willett, who protected his slim advantage with a 3-under round of 69.

Rory McIlroy (65) and Henrik Stenson (66) finished tied for sixth on 273.

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PREMIER LEAGUE

Arsenal end four-game wait for win

Arsenal ended a four-game winless run by scoring quick-fire goals to beat Bournemouth 2-0 on Sunday, rising to third in the Premier League.

Mesut Ozil tucked away the opener in the 23rd minute for his first goal since netting in December's reverse fixture against Bournemouth. And only 88 seconds later, Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain struck to end a 17-month wait for a Premier League goal.

Leicester is now on top of the table with Tottenham and Arsenal five points behind and only separated by goal difference. Manchester City dropped to fourth after losing 3-1 to Leicester on Saturday.

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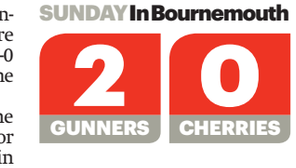

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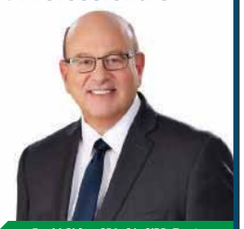
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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Start your week off right with this zesty, flavourful black bean soup. It's so rich and creamy you'll forget you're having a healthy, fibre-rich dinner.

Ready in
Prep time: 10 minutes
Total time: 45 minutes
Serves 6

Ingredients
- 1 Tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion, chopped
- 3 cloves of garlic, minced
- 1 bunch cilantro, washed well, stems minced (keep leaves for garnish)
- 2 carrots, chopped small
- 2 stalks of celery, chopped
- 1 tsp ground cumin
- 2 x 19 oz can of black beans, rinsed
- 1 L low-sodium chicken stock
- Salt and pepper
- Garnish: cilantro, avocado, yogurt or sour cream, salsa

Directions
1. In a heavy bottomed, large pot, place olive oil, onion, garlic, cilantro stalks, carrots and celery and allow it all to soften slightly over medium heat, about 5 minutes. Add cumin and cook for another minute or two.
2. Add rinsed beans and stock. Reduce heat to low, allow soup to simmer, then cover for 30 to 40 minutes. Stir every 5 minutes or so, to be sure nothing is sticking to the bottom.
3. Take soup off the heat and allow to cool a bit. Use either a blender to purée in small batches, or use an immersion blender.
4. Serve with plain yogurt, sour cream, avocado, salsa and cilantro.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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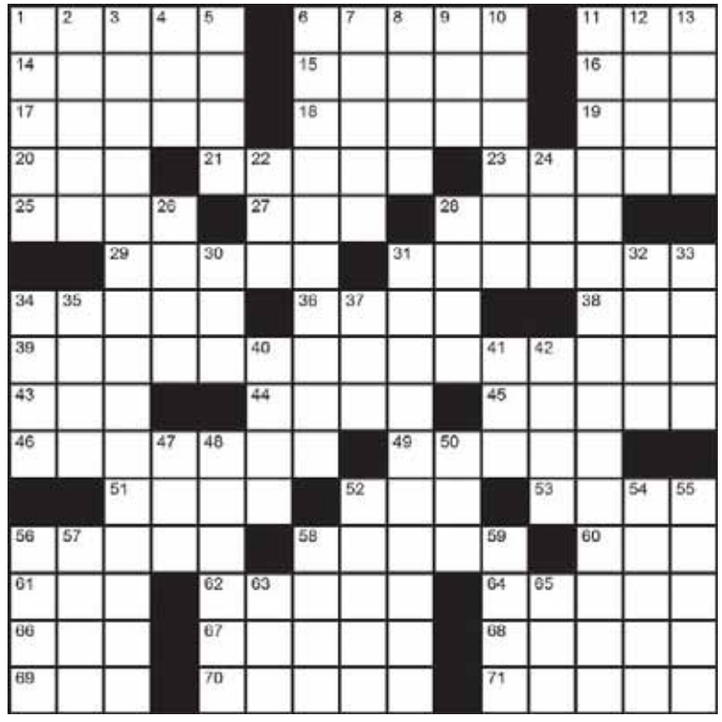

ACROSS
1. Fancy-hatted English racecourse
6. Retro-style eatery
11. Prof's helpers
14. Flat-bottomed vessels
15. Previously, in ye olden days
16. 'Ready In Time': New album/song-of-the-same-name by Canadian singer Matt __
17. Sweden's money
18. Boast
19. Q. "Is the alphabet's 15th letter known __ '_'? A. "Indeed."
20. "Cockroach!"
21. River of Germany
23. Shoelace tip
25. "Galveston" songwriter Jimmy
27. NB's ocean
28. Key __ pie
29. Zing
31. Groups of five
34. ID card component
36. Particular woodwind
38. 'Terri' tail
39. Manitoba: Wildlife Management Area located 30 minutes north of Winnipeg where visitors can experience wetlands, habitats, trails and wildlife that includes about 300 species of birds: 3 wds.
43. Latin roe
44. Pull at
45. Sir Guinness, and others
46. News agency
49. Vancouver-born actress Ms. Okuma
51. Caesar's clothing
52. Figure skater Midori
53. Hullabaloos
56. "On the __ hand..."
58. Songbook standard: "Me __ __ Shadow"
60. Rapscallion
61. __-expressionism (Art movement)
62. Put an __ (Halt): 2 wds.
64. The Yokums family member
66. Road ride
67. Prefix meaning 'Lizard'
68. __ cum laude
69. Initials-sharers of Johnny Carson's sidekick
70. Maintain a sheep's coat
71. Spirited in attitude

DOWN
1. Lopsided ON: 2 wds.
7. "_ __ to see the point?" (Why?)
8. 'Proper' word?
9. 'West' suffix
10. Keep back
11. They foretell the future: 2 wds.
12. Basilica part
13. Parking place
22. Occurrence, poetically
24. 0 Meridian letters
26. All two
28. Potato __ Soup
30. Bygone bird
31. One might be used for accessing a butler's pantry: 2 wds.
32. __-shaped, like a saucer
33. Learning insts.
34. "__ Side of Town" by Johnny Rivers
35. Possess
37. Good: French
40. "__ Breckinridge" (1970)
41. Egyptian __ (Cat breed)
42. __-Seltzer
47. Lake temperature tester
48. Go forth
50. __ de guerre
52. 'I' of IV
54. Signs
55. Ocean mist
56. __ and for all (Finally)
57. Calgary Flames
58. _ __ (Together, in music)
59. Tuber types
63. "Nope."
65. Ewe's exclamation!
2. Loose rock at a cliff's base
3. Food Network Canada chefs, at times: 2 wds.
4. Oprah Winfrey's TV network
5. Bygone sovereign
6. "SCTV" alum born in St. Catharines,

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Don't believe what others tell you just because they claim to be in the know. The world is full of people who don't understand even the basics of what they're talking about.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Important people will do things for you today. If you want to move up in the world you'll soon get your chance. A new moon in the career area of your chart will make it easy for you to make a good impression.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Working and earning a living are important but there are BIG questions that need to be answered, the type that can only be answered by looking within. Time to do some thinking.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You cannot let go of a thought or an idea and it is driving you crazy. Today's new moon will help you find a way to apply it in the real world and, once done, it won't bother you again.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Love is in the air today. Make an effort to be positive about a relationship and what happens later in the week won't hit you so hard. Think only good things about the people who mean most to you emotionally.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Matters of the head and matters of the heart will clash today, so draw up a schedule that enables you to focus on one thing at a time. Try to tackle two or more things at the same time.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Today's new moon dares you to break out of the mental and emotional straitjacket you've made for yourself. The reason you haven't reached your goal is because you fear you don't have what it takes. But you do!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Some people you like and some you don't and it will always be that way. Don't feel you have to pretend that someone who rubs you up the wrong way is your friend.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
There are a lot of tall stories making the rounds and the only way to separate fact from fiction is to ignore what people tell you and follow your instincts. Your inner voice knows.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Don't worry about your money situation because there are more important things for you to think about. Best of all, today's new moon will help you find ways to earn more.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Today's new moon in your birth sign will give you a boost of confidence. Anything is possible for you now — yes anything — so aim as high as you can and then go higher still.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Why are you hesitating? It's not like you to think twice before rushing in but you want to know what lies ahead before making your move. This time you could be right, there may be danger around the corner.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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